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The Honorable Daniel Patrick Moynihan
Vice Chairman
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Vice Chairman:

I share the concerns in your 20 August letter about the need to enhance our efforts to combat the narcotics problem. Since the 14 July hearing on this subject, we have taken several steps to move out in this direction.

I have tasked the Intelligence Community Staff with developing a long-range plan for tackling the narcotics issue. This will include projected increases in funds and personnel devoted to narcotics, which, as you have noted, are currently inadequate.

During the current review of NFIP budget submissions, the Intelligence Community Staff will also be attentive to the narcotics intelligence collection program enhancements that I discussed with the Committee in July.

Last month we designated a National Intelligence Officer for Narcotics, whose immediate task will be to coordinate and focus the various existing narcotics-related efforts among Intelligence Community agencies. He will also be alert to potential sources of assistance from other Government agencies.

Regarding Pakistan, in September the Intelligence Community Staff will conduct a thorough review of intelligence collection to identify information needs and significant intelligence gaps. We will include possible contributions from outside the Intelligence Community as well. Pakistan's attitude and intentions regarding the narcotics collection problem will be a significant aspect of this collection assessment. A discussion of Pakistan's role in the narcotics area will also be included in the long-range plan mentioned above.

We will have the history of CIA involvement in narcotics-related issues to you by mid-September.

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I appreciate hearing your thoughts and will continue to be in touch with you on this important subject. I expect to be able to report significant progress to the Committee by the end of the year.

Sincerely,

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